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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

December 1, 2020.

The Department of Agriculture has submitted the following information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Comments are requested regarding whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments regarding this information collection received by [INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER] will be considered. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice on the following website <a href="https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain">www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain</a>. Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review - Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function

An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number and the agency informs potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information that such persons are not required to respond to the collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

**Food Safety and Inspection Service** 

TITLE: Salmonella Initiative Program

OMB CONTROL NUMBER: 0583-0154

SUMMARY OF COLLECTION: The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) has been

delegated the authority to exercise the functions of the Secretary as provided in the Federal Meat

Inspection Act (FMIA) (21 U.S.C. 601 et seq.), the Poultry Products Inspection Act (PPIA) (21

U.S.C. 451 et seq.). These statutes mandate that FSIS protect the public by ensuring that meat

and poultry products are safe, wholesome, unadulterated, and properly labeled and packaged.

The Salmonella Initiative Program (SIP) offers incentives to meat and poultry slaughter

establishments to control Salmonella in their operations. SIP benefits public health because it

encourages establishments to test for microbial pathogens, which is a key feature of effective

process control.

NEED AND USE OF THE INFORMATION: Under SIP, establishments will share their data

with the Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS); this will help the Agency in formulating its

policy. Establishments that want to enter SIP must send a protocol to FSIS informing the

Agency about their plans for implementing SIP in their establishment, including data collection,

objectives and methods of evaluating the new technology for which they are receiving the

regulator waiver.

DESCRIPTION OF RESPONDENTS: Business or other for-profit

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS: 79

FREQUENCY OF RESPONSES: Recordkeeping; Reporting: On occasion

TOTAL BURDEN HOURS: 17,628

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